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Expressing the sense of the Congress that Haiti should conduct free, fair, transparent, and peaceful elections, and for other purposes.

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Whereas René Preval was elected president of Haiti on December 17, 1995, and inaugurated on February 7, 1996;

Whereas a political impasse between President Preval and the Haitian Parliament over the past 2 years has stalled democratic development and contributed to the Haitian people's political disillusionment;

Whereas Haiti's economic development is stagnant, living conditions are deplorable, and democratic institutions have yet to become effective;

Whereas Haiti's political leaders propose free, fair, and transparent elections for local and national legislative bodies; and

Whereas Haiti's new independent Provisional Electoral Council has scheduled those elections for November and December 1999: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) commends the provisional Electoral Council
4 of Haiti for its decision to hold elections for 19 sen-
5 ate seats, providing for a transparent resolution of
6 the disputed 1997 elections;

7 (2) urges the Government of Haiti to actively
8 engage in dialogue with all elements of Haitian soci-
9 ety to further a self-sustainable democracy;

10 (3) encourages the Government and all political
11 parties in Haiti to proceed toward conducting free,
12 fair, transparent, and peaceful elections as sched-
13 uled, in the presence of domestic and international
14 observers, without pressure or interference;

15 (4) urges the Clinton Administration and the
16 international community to continue to play a posi-
17 tive role in Haiti's economic and political develop-
18 ment;

1 (5) urges the United Nations to provide appro-
2 priate technical support for the elections and to
3 maximize the use of United Nations civilian police
4 monitors of the CIVPOL mission during the election
5 period;

6 (6) encourages the Clinton Administration and
7 the international community to provide all appro-
8 priate assistance for the coming elections;

9 (7) encourages the Government of Haiti to
10 adopt adequate security measures in preparation for
11 the proposed elections;

12 (8) urges all elements of Haitian civil society,
13 including the political leaders of Haiti, to publicly
14 renounce violence and promote a climate of security;
15 and

16 (9) urges the United States and other members
17 of the international community to continue support
18 toward a lasting and committed transition to democ-
19 racy in Haiti.

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1999.

Attest:

Clerk.